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Have gun, will travel

...Richard Boone





The name is Paladin, sir.

I'm a gentleman by choice



...and a gunfighter by trade!

If you want my services, I...

**HAVE GUN,
WILL TRAVEL!**

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THE BRAVE MAN

IN THE BUSTLING, GROWING CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, A CITY OF WILY MEN, GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEMERS, ROAD AGENTS AND SUNFIGHTERS, ONE MAN HAS STAKED OUT THE FASHIONABLE LOBBY OF THE CARLTON HOTEL AS HIS HOME GROUNDS-PALADIN!



A MAN WHOSE UNUSUAL BUSINESS IS PRINTED ON HIS EVEN MORE UNUSUAL CALLING CARD!

ON A ROAD LEADING INTO SAN FRANCISCO...

ALL OF YOU REACH!



NICE WORK, HUSTEN!

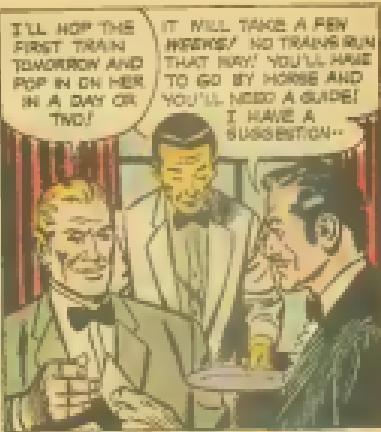
I SAY, IT WAS DECEDEDLY UNPLEASANT-I BROKE MY FOREST BALMING STICK!

LATER, AT THE
CARLTON...

HERE PAPER, MR. PALADIN! BANDIT
STOP STAGE COACH OUTSIDE CITY
THEY SAY FOREIGNER HIT BANDIT
OVER HEAD WITH CANE, AND TOOK
HIM TO JAIL. FOREIGNERS, THEY CRAZY!

I SAY,
PORTER?





LATER, IN
PLATONIA...

MORNING,
CHIEF HARRY!

MORNING, MRS.
CARSON!

H.G. SMITH
GENERAL STORE



HOPE YOU'VE
GOT MY ORDER
READY, M.S.!

JUST SITTING AND WAITING
FOR YOU, MRS. CARSON! BUT
WHY NOT LET OLD WADDY SET
HIMSELF DOWN AND HAVE A
CUP OF COFFEE BEFORE HE
LOADS THE STUFF?

THANKS, N.G.
COFFEE'D
BE REAL
NICE!



HE-HEY!!

HAH! HAH!

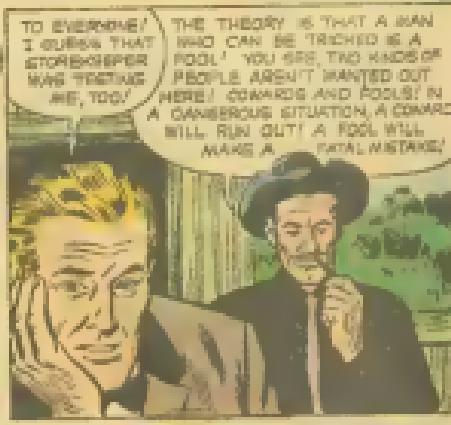
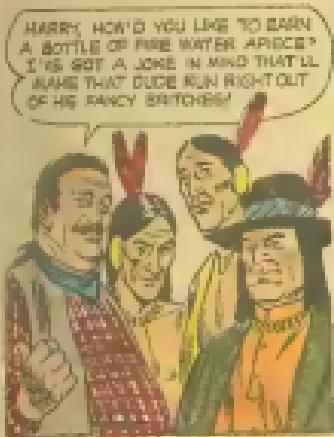


THAT'S NOT FUNNY, AMI. COME OFF IT, MRS. CARSON!
M.A.Y. MATTER OF - MOSCOW'S HURT! RADDOY'D
FACT, NONE OF YOUR JOKES ARE FUNNY!
COMBINE ELSE FELL FOR
THE TRICK'





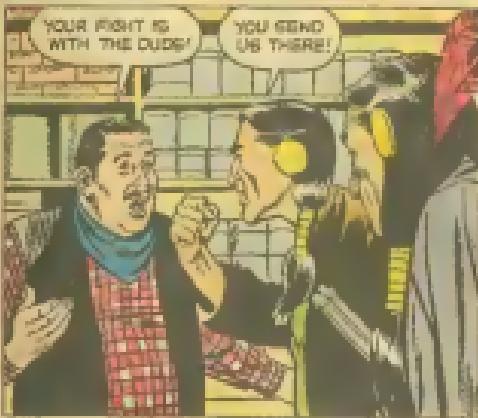
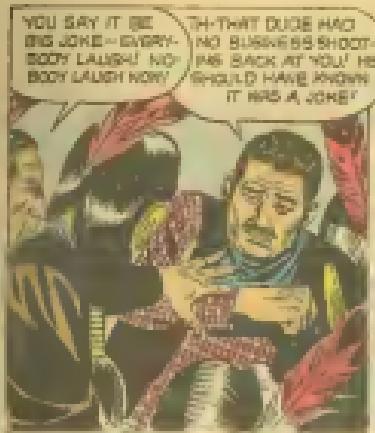








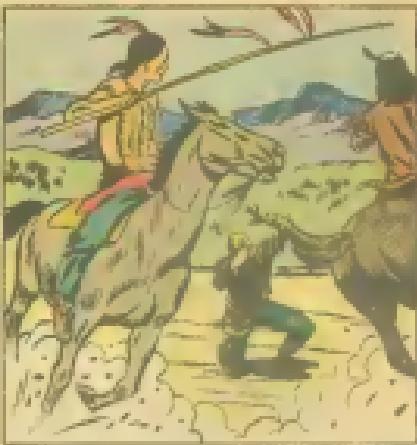










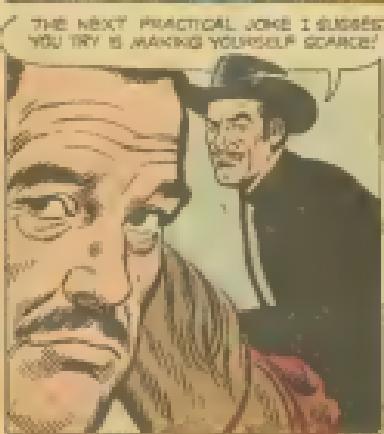
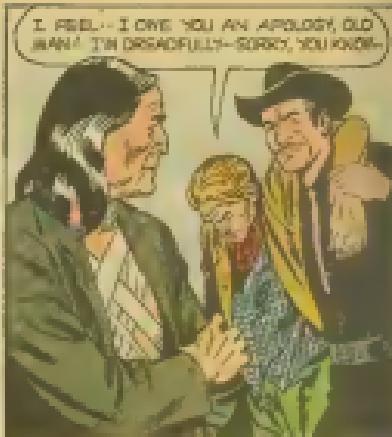


HARRY, CALL THEM OFF! WE COULD HAVE SHOT YOUR BRAVES BY NOW, BUT THAT WOULD HAVE STARTED A WAR! IF YOU KILL THAT MAN, THE SOLDIERS WILL COME AND THERE WILL BE A WAR ANYWAY! HE'S BEEN HURT ENOUGH!



ONLY A FEW MEN WEAR CLOTHES LIKE THAT! IT IS A PROUD UNIFORM OF A FAR-OFF LAND! ONLY BRAVE MEN WEAR THOSE CLOTHES! GREAT AND WISE LEADERS! SEE HOW HE BEHAVES!





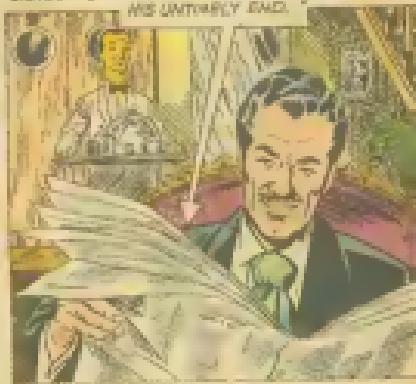
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THE GIRL FROM PICCADILLY

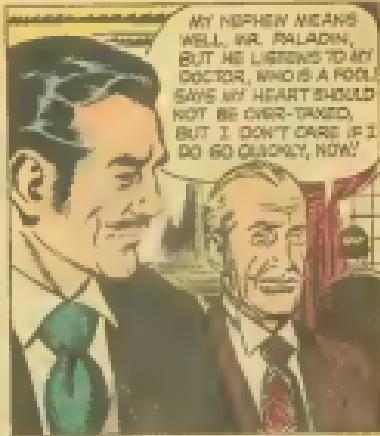
"IN THE LOBBY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S CARLTON HOTEL, PALADIN SCANS A NEWSPAPER UNTIL
SUDDEDLY . . .



"WESTROPE'S SON, A CAVALRY OFFICER, IS REPORTED TO HAVE MARRIED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS UNTRUTH ENDED."



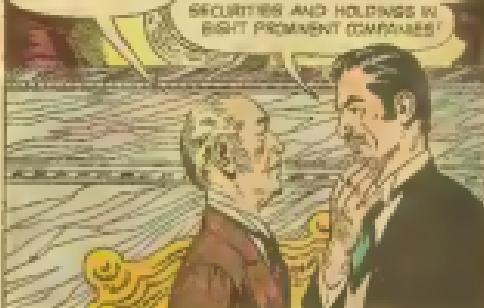




I ONLY KNOW THAT SHE IS MISSING FROM LONDON - NEAR PICCADILLY! I LOVED MY SON VERY MUCH - I WANT TO MEET HIS WIFE!



BUT IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A GUNMAN TO FIND HER! IT WILL REQUIRE A MAN WITH INTELLIGENCE, INSIGHT...



LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT YOURSELF, MR. WESTROPPE! YOUR IMPORTING FIRM HAS THE HIGHEST CREDIT RATINGS! YOUR BANK BALANCE AVERAGES FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS! YOU HAVE SECURITIES AND HOLDINGS IN EIGHT PROMINENT COMPANIES!

FASCINATING!
DO GO ON!

YOU ARE A MAN OF REGULAR HABITS! YOU RETIRE AT TEN NIGHTLY. YOUR DOCTOR IS JOSHUA MCKINLEY. YOU SUFFER FROM A CARDIAC WEAKNESS - BUT THIS IS PRESSING! WILL I DO?



WELL AS TO YOUR
FEE - FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS, PLUS EXPENSES!
IF YOU FIND MY SON'S
WIFE!

FAIR ENOUGH!



HOW SOON
CAN YOU BEGIN
CHECKING AT JACK'S
ARMY POST?



THE TICKET I BOUGHT
ON MY WAY OVER IS FOR
THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN!



LATER...

YOU CAN
READY SNAP
TO IT AND
GET OUT!

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK,
MAJOR! I'M NOT WEARING
A UNIFORM YOU CAN GIVE
ORDERS TO!

KEEP OUT
MAIL ARRIVED
Co

THEN I CAN HAVE
SOMEONE IN UNIFORM
DO IT FOR ME!
ORDERLY!

I'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS I GET SOME INFORMATION FROM YOU—NOT TILL THEN!



WELL, A SAGEBRUSH LAWYER! /
WE'LL SEE HOW SMART YOU
ARE AFTER A WEEK IN THE
GUARDHOUSE FOR TRESPASSING
ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY!

AS SOON AS I GET
OUT OF THE GUARD-
HOUSE, YOU'LL BE
UP BEFORE THE
ADJUTANT GENERAL!

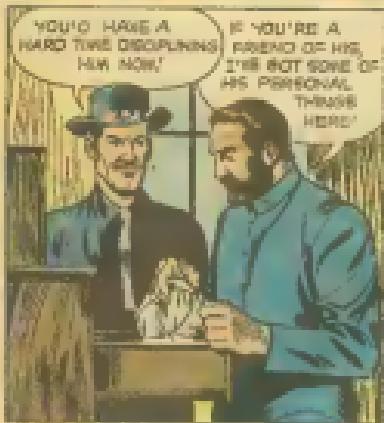
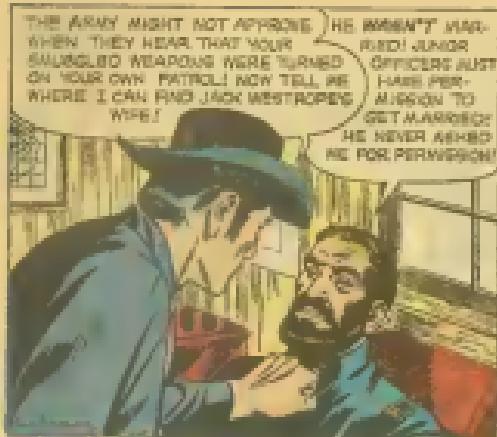
ON WHAT CHARGE? / I MADE A FEW INQUIRIES! LEU-
TANT JACK WESTROP AND TWO
OF HIS MEN WERE KILLED
NEEDLESSLY!

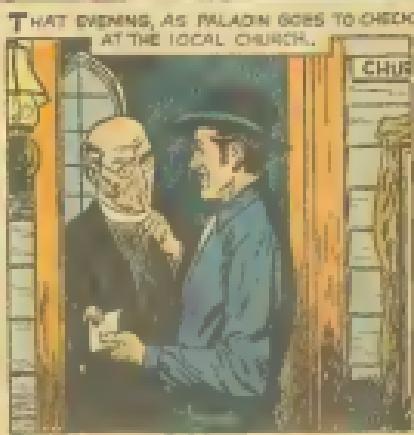
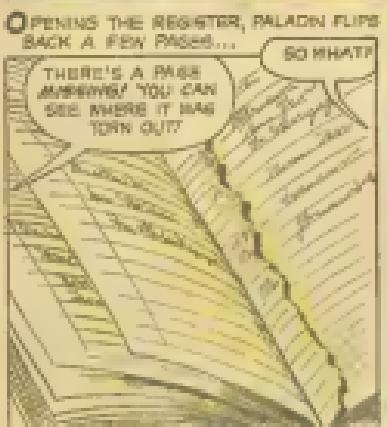


THEY WERE
KILLED IN THE
LINE OF DUTY
DURING A BORDER CLASH!

THEY WERE KILLED BECAUSE
YOU WERE SMUGGLING GUNS
ACROSS THE BORDER TO
EGGBAR, THE REBEL CHIEF
WHO HAPPENS TO BE AN OLD
FRIEND OF MINE!





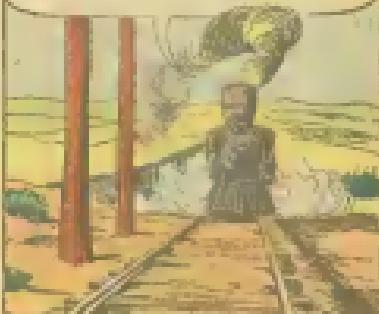




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DAY.

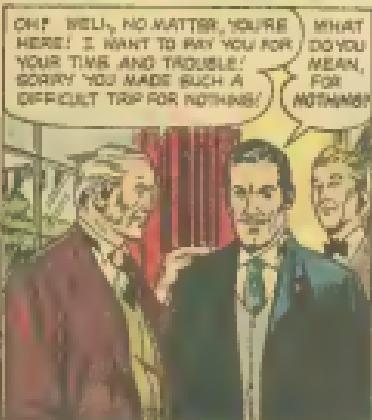
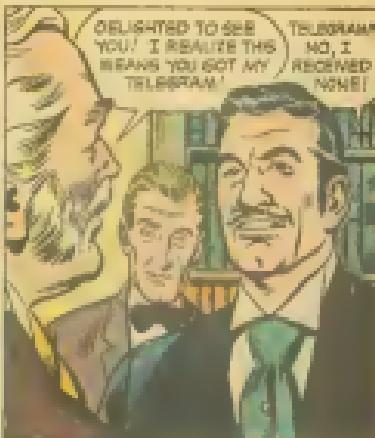


THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY AT STAKE! THE FAMILY HAS A SIZEABLE FORTUNE - AND, OBVIOUSLY, SOMEONE IS TRYING TO PREVENT YOU FROM GETTING ANY OF IT WHEN MR. WESTROPET'S WEAK HEART FINALLY TAKES ITS TOLL!



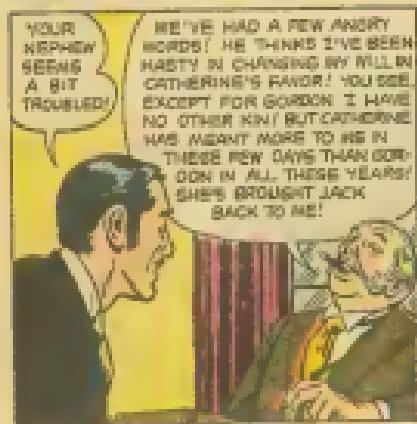


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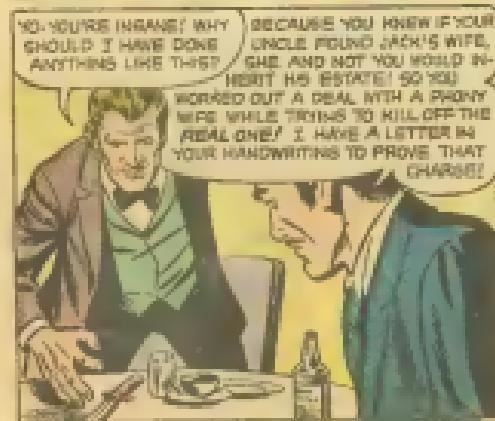
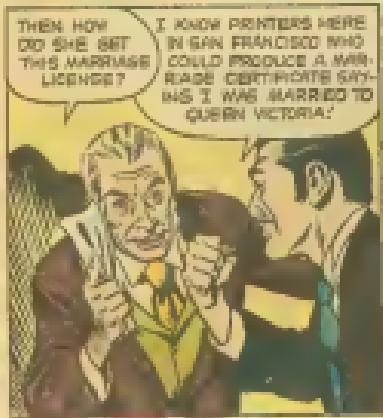


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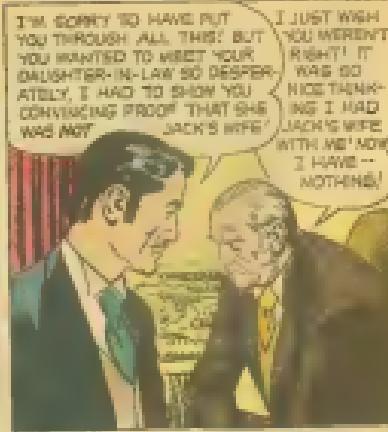












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HIRED GUNMEN



"MY CALLING CARD MAY BE UNIQUE OUT WEST, BUT NOT MY JOB. FROM THE TIME SETTLERS LEFT THE EAST, MOVING CROSS COUNTRY, HIRED GUNFIGHTERS HAVE BEEN USED IN MANY WAYS. A GOOD SHOOTING EYE AND A QUICK HAND ON THE DRAW MAKES A MAN NIFTY IN DEMANDS IN THE WEST."



"SOME WESTERN TOWNS, TIRED OF BEING BULLFUSED BY GUNMEN, HIRED THE DEADLIEST GUNFIGHTER TO ACT AS SHERIFF AND KEEP THE OTHERS IN LINE."



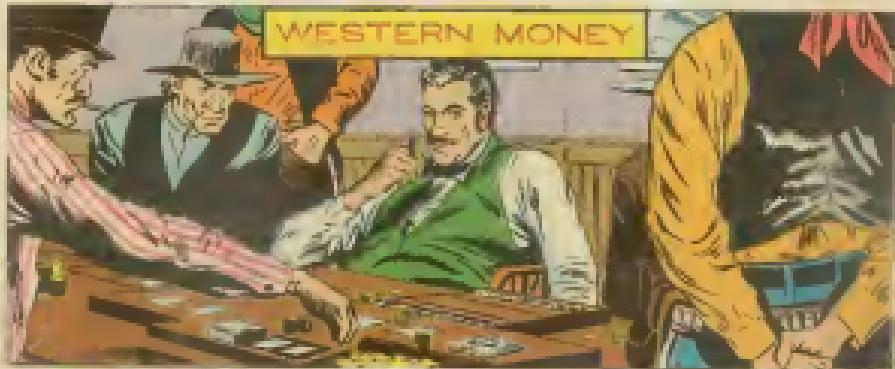
"MEAT HUNTERS WORKED WITH THE RAILROAD GANGS AS TRACKS MOVED ACROSS THE PLAINS. SHARP-SHOOTING HUNTMEN WERE HIRED TO PROVIDE BUFFALO AND GAME FOR HUNGRY LABORERS."



"A MAN WITH A DEAD-EYE WAS QUICKLY KNOWN AND FEARED. HIRED TO RIDE SHARPS, JUST THE SIGHT OF HIM WAS SOMETIMES ENOUGH TO DRIVE OFF STAGE ROBBERS."



"THE LARGEST NUMBER OF HIRED GUNMEN IN THE WEST'S HISTORY WERE EMPLOYED BY WYOMING CATTLEMEN IN 1892 TO DRIVE OUT THE FEUDING LOCAL HOMESTEADERS."



"SITTING AT GAMING TABLES, I SEE ALL KINDS OF MONEY CHANGE HANDS. HERE IN THE WEST, MANY TYPES OF METAL AND PAPER SERVE AS CURRENCY. GREENBACKS, OR PRINTED GOVERNMENT DOLLARS, WEREN'T POPULAR TILL CONGRESS IN THE 1860'S SAID YOU COULD GET GOLD FOR THEM AT ANY TIME."



"IRON PLASTERS WORTH THREE, FIVE, TEN, TWENTY OR FIFTY CENTS IN PAPER MONEY HAD FEW USERS TILL CONGRESS GUARANTEED TO TAKE THEM BACK FOR GOLD."



"MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF TOKENS WORTH ONE CENT ARE POPULAR MONEY. THEY WERE MADE BY EASTERN BUSINESS CONCERN'S WHEN COINS WERE SCARCE DURING THE CIVIL WAR."



"MOST THINGS ARE PRICED IN BITS. A 'BIT' IS A SPANISH COIN WORTH TWELVE AND A HALF CENTS AND IS THE POPULAR CURRENCY OF MINING CAMPS."



"SPANISH DOLLARS ARE WORTH EIGHT BITS AND KNOWN AS 'RIDDES OF EIGHT'. THEY AND MEXICAN PESOS OR 'TODE DOLLARS' I OFTEN RAKE IN AT THE FARO TABLE."